

**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONTON NATIONAL FOREST
PAYSON RANGER DISTRICT**

WATER WHEEL PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails described in this order, all within the Payson Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest, Arizona; effective August 31, 2009, until rescinded.

1. Going into or being upon the area described in the Order (see Area Described). 36 CFR 261.53(e)

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area, who are authorized by the US Forest Service, the State of Arizona, or the County of Gila, its employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors.

AREA DESCRIBED

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the Little Diamond Rim area, more specifically described as follows: bounded by Forest Service Designated Road 64 on the north; by Forest Service Designated Road 1170 on the west; by Forest Designated Road 1171 on the south continuing to the junction of Township 11 ½ North, Range 10 East, Section 3 and Section 2; by Forest Designated Road 199 on the east. Township 11 ½ N Range 10 E Sections 24, 25 and 36, East of FR 199 and 11 ½ N Range 11 E Sections 30 and 31 including the following: Water Wheel, First Crossing, Second Crossing, Third Crossing and Cold Spring Recreation Sites.

PURPOSE

To provide for the public's health and safety during the wildland fire suppression activities associated with the Water Wheel Incident, Tonto National Forests.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. A Security Manager or USFS LEI Liaison will be assigned to the incident to assist in implementation of the Order and to serve as liaison with Gila County Sheriff's Departments.

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2. This Order will be effected by appropriate signs and closure notices as required by 36 CFR 261.50.

3. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3571(b) (6), 18 USC 3581(b) (7)].

Dated this 31ST day of AUGUST, 2009, at PAYSON, Arizona.



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Tonto National Forest